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Annual Chocolate Friendzy Changes Venue

Don't worry - this year's Friends Annual Membership Drive will still involve lots of chocolate tasting, but we are trying something new as well. From **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10th in the library gallery and meeting room**, Friends of the Allen Public Library are celebrating 26 years of friendship with our city's most desirable chocolates!

Everyone is invited to renew their Friends membership at the Friendzy or to become a new Friend for as little as \$10 per year. This year's Chocolate Friendzy will precede the showing of the French film *Amelie* in the auditorium, part of the **Bach to Books Women's Foreign Film Series**, and will include hors d'oeuvres and live music. Of course, the stars of the evening will be the dessert chefs: winners of past Chocolate Celebrations. Winners of the past contests have been invited to once again share their prize-winning chocolate creations with all of our new and renewing members during the Chocolate Friendzy reception.



Funds raised from membership and other Friends' events go to support the library and many of its fabulous programs, such (see *Friendzy* on p. 2)

Library Receives *Oceano*

This fall, the landscape of the Allen Public Library's courtyard will be permanently transformed with the installation of *Oceano*. A reception and unveiling of this impressive 600-pound bronze sculpture on a 2,900-pound base will be at **9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 14**, at the library. A dedication follows at 10:30 a.m. Roger Stoller, the sculpture's creator, will present a brief survey of its development and symbolism.



At 2 pm, Roger will discuss his philosophy of art and give his interpretation of *Oceano* at a Bach to Books program in the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Public Art Committee, Stoller's *Oceano* was selected through a competitive process held in July 2008. A metaphor for Ocean of Knowledge, Roger declares, "Knowledge is a key to what makes us human, and a library is one of civilization's doorways to our communal wealth of knowing. Knowledge has no limit; it is always growing, forever discovering new frontiers. The Mobius strip, a single continuous surface with no end, is used here to signify infinity and the endless possibility of learning."

At the age of 21, Roger served as an assistant to the renowned inventor and visionary Buckminster Fuller. He also studied in sculptor Isamu Noguchi's studio. From these giants, he learned about the ubiquitous impact of geometry in nature. The installation of his bronze *Tetra Con Brio* at the (see *Oceano* on p. 2)

Allen Recycles Day
Saturday, November 7th

See article on Page 5

ALLEN Reads Debuts "Celebrity Musicians"



Each year of ALLEN Reads, local "Celebrity Readers," including Mayor Steve Terrell, Fire Chief Bill Hawley, and AISD Superintendent Ken Helvey, have read one of the ALLEN Reads books in selected elementary school classrooms. This program has been a keystone of the outreach for reading that is a primary goal of Allen's one-book program, and it will continue to be so this year.

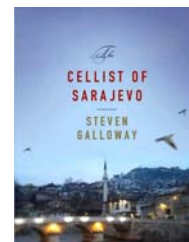
In 2009-10, honoring the 22 times the cellist plays his music in *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, 22 musical events by various local "Celebrity Musicians" will be enjoyed here in Allen. The first was the kick-off on October 3, when the Allen Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra included Albinoni's Adagio in G-Minor as one of their selections – the musical selection that the cellist played. The next event was on October 15, when music historian George Gimarc entertained and informed interested guests at the library about the music of the 50's and 60's and the innovativeness of punk rock.

Allen ISD has been an active partner in ALLEN Reads from the start. This year that partnership has extended to include the participants in the Fine Arts department. Some of the musical events in the schools that will be included in the 22 events this year are listed below, along with others sponsored by the Friends and the Library. You are invited to attend all and enjoy the music!

The AISD Choir Extravaganza	Monday, 10/26	7 PM	AHS Cafeteria
AHS/FMS Orchestra Concert	Tuesday, 10/27	7 PM	Lowery Freshman Center Auditorium
Orchestra Duet	Tuesday, 11/10	5:30 PM	Allen Public Library (with Chocolate event)
AHS Choir Fall Pop Show	Saturday, 11/14	7 PM	Lowery Freshman Center Auditorium
AHS/EMS Orchestra	Thursday, 12/3	7 PM	Ereckson MS Cafeteria
LFC/FMS Orchestra	Monday, 12/7	7 PM	Lowery Freshman Center Auditorium
Wind Chamber Quartet	Saturday, 12/12	7 PM	Allen Public Library Auditorium
AHS ENCORE's Christmas Show	Saturday, 12/19	7 PM	Allen Public Library Auditorium

Watch for more music, children's activities, and other programs coming in 2010. For updates and more information on ALLEN Reads, go to www.allenfriends.com or call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

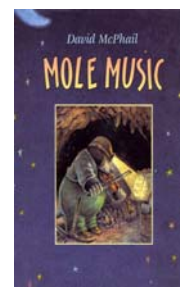
High School and Adults



4th - 8th Grade



Preschool to 3rd Grade Readers



Friendzy (cont. from p.1)

as ALLEN Reads and Bach to Books. This year's programs have included bluegrass, jazz, and authors such as Paul Fleischmann, Sarah Stewart and James Megellas. *The Cellist of Sarajevo* author, Steven Galloway, will speak and sign books on March 6, 2010 as part of this year's ALLEN Reads.

Please join us at the library for some chocolate, fun and a free film while you renew your Friends membership for another year of exciting programs brought to you by YOU: the Friends of the Allen Public Library!

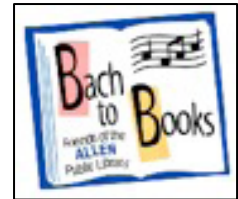
Oceano (cont. from p. 1)

Strathmore Music Center in Bethesda, Maryland, was featured in the *Washington Post*. Other works of his are displayed at Magnussen Lodge at Lake Tahoe, California, and in Mountain View, California.

Roger prefers public art to the residential and corporate environment because it provides "an intangible alternate dimension that enhances a city's quality of life. It has the capacity to reveal insights about nature, culture, history, community and ourselves." When asked what he hopes Allen Public Library patrons will gain from *Oceano*, Roger states, "Good art makes us wonder and engages the mind. My desire is that people will experience this wonder and the joy I found in creating this work. As people encounter it, I hope that it will inspire the particular sharing of creativity that can happen in a place of learning."

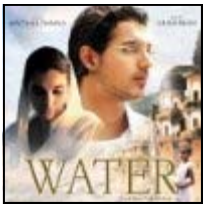
For more information, call 214-509-4911.

BACH TO BOOKS Presents



International Women's Film Series at Allen Public Library

The Allen Public Library is screening a special International Women's Film series in **November every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** beginning on November 3 and running through November 24. Each movie will be hosted by a distinguished guest, who will facilitate a discussion after the movie. These free movies are sponsored by the Bach to Books Cultural Arts Series.



On November 3, our first film is a Hindi film entitled *Water* (subtitles in English and Spanish). Host Cheryl Dawson has been a film critic with The Movie Chicks since 2000 and is a voting member of DFW Film Critics Association. Cheryl is a critic for Rotten Tomatoes; her reviews have been read in 85 countries and she's been quoted in the New York Times. Ms. Dawson says that this film "is a powerful story about how widows were treated in India. It tugs at the heartstrings, but the movie is softened with gentle humor and hope. This is one of those great foreign films with outstanding performances that you wish Hollywood would make so more people would go see them." *Water* was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Film of the year in 2007. The film examines the plight of a group of widows forced into poverty at a temple in the holy city of Varanasi. It focuses on a relationship between one of the widows, who wants to escape the social restrictions imposed on widows, and a man who is from the highest caste and a follower of Mahatma Gandhi.



Our next movie, **on November 10**, is the French film *Amelie* (subtitles in English), hosted by Nancy Churnin, journalist for the *Dallas Morning News*. A Harvard graduate, Nancy also holds a graduate degree in journalism from Columbia University. *Amelie* was nominated for five Academy Awards, including

Best Screenplay for 2002. Due to her father's mistaken belief that she had a heart defect, Amelie grows up with little contact with people outside her father, so she develops a fantastical inner life. As a young woman, she becomes a waitress, and watching the people around her struggle with life, she decides her mission is to make people happy. But in helping others, she disregards her own need for happiness. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for chocolate too! (See article on p. 1.)

Raise the Red Lantern, November 17, is a Chinese film (subtitled in English, French and Spanish), hosted by Chris Vognar, movie critic for the *Dallas Morning News*. He was the 2009 Nieman Arts and Culture Fellow at Harvard University, where he also taught journalism. He is currently teaching arts journalism at SMU. He has also taught film history at the University of Texas at Arlington. *Raise the Red Lantern* was nominated for an Oscar in 1992 for Best Foreign Language Film. The story centers around a young Songlian woman who is forced to marry the lord of a powerful family after the death of her father. The older lord already has three wives, each living in separate quarters in the same castle. Competition for the master's attention among the wives assures power and privilege for the favored one. A red lantern is lit in front of the house of the chosen wife each night and the wives scheme to ensure their place in their lord's affections.



On November 24, *Like Water for Chocolate*, a Spanish film (subtitles in English), is our final entry for this series, hosted by Dr. Carolyn Perry, Professor of Humanities and Film History from Collin College. Dr. Perry has been the film history professor at the college since 2006 and is also Collin College's Auteur Film Series Director. *Like Water for Chocolate* was nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film for 1993. This is a love story between Pedro and Tita and the traditions of Mexico at the time. Mama Elena wants Tita to be her stay-at-home daughter instead of marrying; to enforce this, she offers her elder daughter to Pedro instead, and he accepts in order to be closer to Tita.

This series was made possible by a generous donation from Ann and Mark Livingston. For information, call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911

BACH TO BOOKS Presents

Maimonides Scholar Daniel Cundiff at Library



Bach to Books features a free presentation from Maimonides scholar Daniel Cundiff, **7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12.** One of the greatest scholars of all time, Maimonides was a

rabbi, physician, and philosopher living in Morocco, Egypt and the then Arab-controlled Spain during the Middle Ages.

The Readable History Book Club is discussing *Maimonides* by Sherwin B. Nuland for their November selection. This November 12 program will be in lieu of their regular meeting on November 19.

Because Maimonides was highly fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, Greek and Latin, he could study the lost books of Aristotle and write commentary in Greek or Latin, which enhanced our understanding of Aristotle and other Western philosophers today. During the disintegration of the Roman Empire, most, if not all, of the original works of Greek and Roman philosophers were destroyed. Fortunately, many of the works were translated into Arabic and deposited at libraries in Egypt. Since they were on papyrus and clay tablets, the dry climate preserved them for hundreds of years.

Some argue that the discovery of the lost Roman and Greek texts by the philosophers of the Middle Ages such as Maimonides initiated the Renaissance.

Christians, Muslim Sultans, and Jews held Maimonides in esteem as a skillful physician and often sought his wise counsel. Although a preeminent medieval Jewish philosopher, his knowledge was revered by all the major religious groups of his time.

A graduate of the University of North Texas, Daniel Cundiff also holds an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Dallas and is completing a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Dallas. His dissertation is *Maimonides and the West*. A primary focus is Classical Philosophy and Poetry as well as Medieval Christian thought with an emphasis on Thomas Aquinas. Maimonides' thought is pivotal for understanding many philosophical questions, both for the greatness of his own thought and for his influence on subsequent Jewish and Christian thinkers.

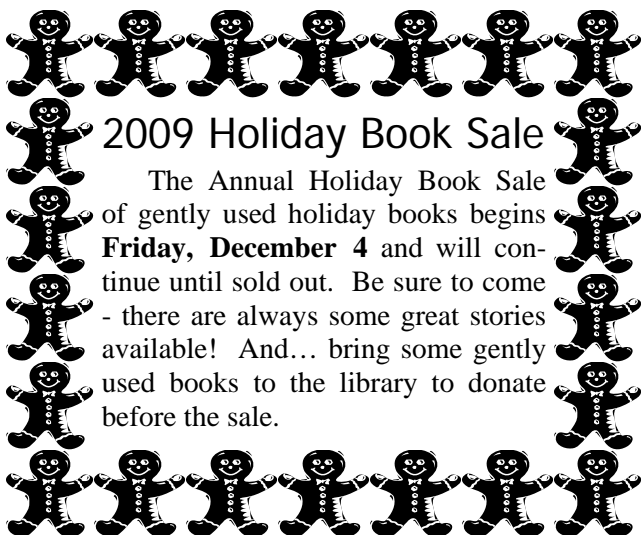


Cundiff declares, "There is no more pressing question, no more serious question, no more enduring question for the West than the question of 'Reason and Revelation'; Maimonides has been and continues to be a crucial teacher to whom one can turn for the deepest illumination on this question. My hope is that the audience will walk away with some sense of the importance of Maimonides for our own self-understanding."

Philosophers such as Rumi, Maimonides and Averroes helped bridge gaps between Muslims, Christians and Jews. One of the Bach to Books goals is to connect cultures, which is what Maimonides accomplished during the Middle Ages.

SMU Wind Chamber Quartet at Library

Embrace the excitement of the holidays with SMU's Wind Chamber Quartet as they perform carols from centuries past and Chanukah selections at **7 pm., Saturday, December 12, Allen Public Library.** This free Bach to Books program features Kelly Diaz on oboe, Russell Riding on Bassoon, David Ngo on flute and Brent Buemi on clarinet. These students have received special recognition by the faculty and cultural arts organizations. This is one of ALLEN Reads 22 musical events (see article on page 2). Call 214-509-4911 for more information.



2009 Holiday Book Sale

The Annual Holiday Book Sale of gently used holiday books begins **Friday, December 4** and will continue until sold out. Be sure to come - there are always some great stories available! And... bring some gently used books to the library to donate before the sale.

Teen Activities

Allen Public Library VolunTeens

Applications for Spring Semester 2010 VolunTeens will be available at the library's Information Desk and online starting December 1, 2009. The deadline to turn in applications is Friday, December 11, 2009.

VolunTeens must be in 8th-12th grade. The library accepts about 70 volunteers for each semester. Teens currently volunteering will need to indicate their desire to continue in their position and will be considered along with new applicants.

For more information, call Debbie Vavra, 214-509-4913, or check www.allenlibrary.org.

Teen Programs

1. **Twilight The New Movie Celebration** on **Thursday, November 19, 7:00 in the Auditorium** with Door Prizes including posters, Twilight books, and coupons to buy tickets to see the new movie, "New Moon", which will open on the next day. For teens in Grades 6 to 12.

2. **Let's Go LEGO** on **Saturday, December 12, from 2-4 in the Meeting Room**. It's a contest for teens in Grades 6 to 12 to do sculpture using Legos. Come have fun!



Friends To Participate in Allen Recycles Day

"It All Comes Back to You"

The Friends of the Library will participate once again this year in the City of Allen's *Allen Recycles Day*. On **Saturday, November 7th** please visit the Allen City Hall parking lot and rotunda at 305 Century Parkway sometime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to donate your recyclable and reusable goods, including (and especially) any gently used books! Friends volunteers will be on hand to collect your gently used hardback and paperback books, and magazines and audio books too, for the ongoing book sale at the library. Help support our great library by joining in Allen's community wide effort in "recycling, reusing and reducing"! If you would like to join in the fun and volunteer with the Friends in this effort please email volunteer coordinator, Nina Bains at www.arzasha03@gmail.com.



While there, drop off pet products for the Allen Animal Shelter; household items and clothes for Allen Community Outreach; eyeglasses and cell phones for the Allen Noon Lion's Club; cardboard for Community Waste Disposal; computer, printer, copy and fax machines, telephones, small electric kitchen appliances and grills for Cyclone Aluminum and Steel; and gently worn shoes for the Shoe Bank. First-Shred will offer free on-site shredding (Limit 3 double-sized filing boxes per household). Participation open to Allen residents with current water bill.

Recycle a Book Podcast to NE Texas Libraries

Friends board members Ann Livingston and Jane Bennett, and NETLS (Northeast Texas Library System) Program Coordinator Steve Seale presented a podcast highlighting the Friends' Recycle-a-Book Day. This annual event is a collaboration between the Friends of the Allen Public Library and the Allen/Lovejoy ISD Parent Teacher Association. Basically, school students bring two or more books to school, then choose one book from those other students contributed. The leftover books are distributed to United Way agencies and schools in need of reading materials. It is a program any library can do for no money that will get books into the hands of children and young adults in schools, the community and beyond.

An email was distributed to all NETLS library directors informing them of this event and podcast. The podcast has been heard by over 200 people to date, far more than any other NETLS podcast! The next Recycle-A-Book Day will be scheduled for spring 2010. Support your Friends by checking out the podcast next time you're online at <http://www.recycleabook.shorturl.com/>.



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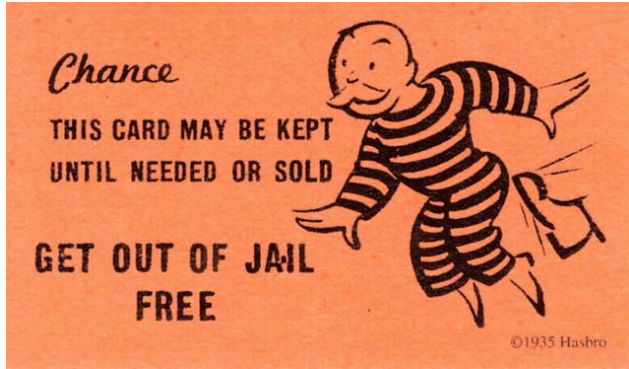


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Did You Know...?

Membership in the Friends of the Allen Public Library gets you a “Get Out of Jail Free” card?



Well... not exactly, but for as little as a \$10 membership you get ten overdue fine waivers at the Allen Public Library. I don't know about your family, but for me, that is worth **WAY** more than \$10.

Please, be a Friend. Bring your friends to the Chocolate Friendzy (see inside for details). It's just a "friendly" thing for you to do that will help your library **and** your community.

The Friends of the Allen Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting the Allen Public Library by providing funds and programs that would not otherwise be possible.